FOOD SCIENCE (M.S.)

Master of Science. Major in Food Science.

Thesis and non-thesis options are offered.

1. **Thesis option**: University M.S. degree requirements apply along with specific department requirements for the M.S. in food science as described on the department webpage (www.sfs.wsu.edu/graduate-program/ui-graduate-students). The degree will prepare students for a variety of careers in the food and related industries, as well as for further academic studies. Each student will design a study plan in consultation with an advisor and thesis committee and present a thesis proposal to their committee. The degree program emphasizes research and a thesis is required for graduation. An oral examination covering graduate course work and thesis research is required during the student’s final semester.

2. **Non-thesis option**: The non-thesis degree is designed to provide students with a broad perspective in food science. The student should have career goals that do not include a research emphasis. University M.S. degree requirement apply plus additional requirements described on the department webpage (www.sfs.wsu.edu/graduate-program/ui-graduate-students). The non-thesis option requires a minimum of 33 credits, the appointment of a graduate committee and a final oral examination. Along with specific course requirements, the student is required to complete a substantial project, paper or presentation to demonstrate ability for independent work and critical thinking. Students are not eligible for the non-thesis option if they have been supported on a graduate assistantship.